



MEDIA INFORMATION

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Welcome to the 2026 NCAA Men’s Frozen Four at T-Mobile Arena. The NCAA, the University of North Dakota, Las Vegas Events and T-Mobile Arena are happy to serve as your hosts for this championship. Included in this manual you will find valuable information pertaining to your coverage of the championship from general information to more detailed maps and issues that pertain to photographers, etc. It is encouraged that members of the media review the **entire** book before arriving in Las Vegas as several sections pertain to functions that cross over your typical mainstream media. I look forward to working with each of you this year.

Phil Pierce
Associate Director Championships and Alliances
NCAA

Quick Facts

NCAA Championship	Enterprise Center
First Championship.....1948	Built..... 2016
No. of Championships77	Capacity 17,631
2025 Championship.....Western Mich. def. Boston U., 6-2	Location..... The Park Vegas, 3780 S. Las Vegas Blvd
2025 Semifinalists Denver & Penn St.	Las Vegas, NV 89109

[Frozen Four Record Book](#)

[Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Records](#)

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 Jim Haynes, Corporate Relations
 Mason Sedgewick, Game Presentation
 Allyson Warren, Social Media
 Lori Wolf, Marketing and Ticketing

Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Committee

Tim Troville, Senior Associate Dir. of Athletics, Harvard, chair
 Rick Gotkin, Head Coach, Mercyhurst
 Blake James, Director of Athletics, Boston College
 Josh Richelew, Sport Administrator, Univ. of Michigan
 Scott Sandelin, Head Coach, Minnesota Duluth
 Luke Strand, Head Coach, Minnesota State Mankato

Media Hotel

Park MGM
 3770 S. Las Vegas Blvd
 Las Vegas, NV 89109
 888-529-4828
 Rate: \$132 per night plus taxes/fees
<https://book.passkey.com/go/FDIM0426PKF>

General Information

Credentials and Media Will Call

All credentials must be claimed in person; government-issued identification is required. Security representatives will check all bags. All media may pick up their credential with a photo ID beginning on Wednesday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., at the media entrance on the west side of the arena off Park Ave (west roll up door).

Wednesday, April 8.....9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 9.....11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 10.....10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 1111:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Credentials must be worn in plain sight at all times. Standard rules concerning credentials apply. Credentials are issued for the sole purpose of providing facility access to the bearer with a legitimate working function in connection with this event. **IT IS NONTRANSFERABLE.** Any unauthorized use of this credential subjects the bearer to having the credential revoked. We cannot replace lost or stolen credentials.

Media Entrance and Arrival

Upon arrival at T-Mobile Arena, media should proceed to event level and turn right and head down the hall. Signs will point toward the press box elevators and those will be on the right side. Press dining, photographer work areas and overflow media seating are located further down the hall in a tented area on the loading dock ear the media interview room.

Media Workroom Hours

Media can expect the press box and media workroom to open when credential distribution begins and close roughly two hours after the conclusion of all press functions for a given day. Close times listed below are tentative.

Wednesday, April 8.....9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 9.....11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 10.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 1111:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

NCAA Digital Media Workroom

Limited printing will be conducted on-site, instead, media is encouraged to visit the [NCAA Digital Media Workroom](#). Media can expect to find a link to live results, post-game press conferences, team promotional materials, box scores and more. Media materials will be placed on the site throughout the championship for media use as a way to enhance coverage.

Social Media

Join the championship conversation by using #NCAAHockey and/or #MFrozenFour and following us on [Facebook](#) (NCAAIceHockey), [X](#) (@NCAAIceHockey) and [Instagram](#) (@ncaaicehockey) for results and important updates.

Pre-Championship Virtual Press Conference

There will be a pre-championship virtual press conference featuring the head coach from each participating team on **Tuesday, March 31 at 11 a.m. ET**. Login information and participants will be sent to approved media. The virtual press conference will be recorded and placed in the Digital Media Workroom for those that are unable to attend.

Michigan Head Coach Brandon Naurato 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
 Denver Head Coach David Carle..... 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 North Dakota Head Coach Dane Jackson 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
 Wisconsin Head Coach Mike Hastings..... 11:45 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Internet Access

Both the press level and media room work area at T-Mobile Arena have wireless internet service. Instructions for accessing the wireless signal will be provided to media on site at the championship.

Statistical Services

Scoring summaries, shot charts, quotes, press conference transcripts and championship notes are distributed during and after each game in the [NCAA Digital Media Workroom](#).

Parking

There is limited parking available in Las Vegas for the duration of the Frozen Four located at the ARIA Event Parking on Park Ave., across the street from T-Mobile Arena. Priority for parking will go to local, Las Vegas based media followed by national media. Media approved for parking will be placed on a list. No physical parking passes will be distributed.

Press Seating and Photo Areas

Seating for those receiving working media credentials is assigned on a priority basis in the main press seating area. Photographers issued credentials are restricted to the photographer areas. Assignments for both the semifinals and championship game will be made the day before competition and posted both in the media dining area and press box.

Transcription Services

The NCAA will provide a transcript with quotes from all press conferences. Transcripts of each press conference will be available in the [NCAA Digital Media Workroom](#).

Postgame Press Conference Video

NCAA Productions provides HD and Digital videos of all Men's Frozen Four Press Conferences April 8-11. Television stations wishing to capture video will need to connect to a press bridge and should courtesy the NCAA. Times are subject to change and press conferences will be uploaded to the Digital Media Workroom in HD format immediately following completion.

Hospitality

Media meals will be served on the event level of T-Mobile Arena in the auxiliary press area located on the loading dock. Media will need to present their credential for admittance to the hospitality area. Please refer to the map in Appendix 2 for more detailed information on the location of the hospitality area. Meal service times are as follows:

Wednesday, April 8.....11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 9.....4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 10.....11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 1112:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

All-Tournament Team

Digital ballots are distributed to selected media representatives at the outset of the national championship game to select a six-player all-tournament team, which includes the most outstanding player. The team is announced as soon as possible following the conclusion of the championship game.

Daily Updates

In addition to daily emails from NCAA media coordinator Phil Pierce, media can expect to find a daily overview of the day's activities, video black out windows, meal times, etc. posted near the auxiliary work area on the event level of T-Mobile Arena.

Team Arrivals

The NCAA and Las Vegas Events host welcome arrivals for each team on both Thursday, April 9, and for the advancing teams Saturday, April 11. Teams will enter T-Mobile Arena through an entrance to the left of the main doors after first walking through Frozen Fest located on the plaza. Media should plan to enter and exit the building through the East Roll Up Door.

Approximate times for team arrivals:

Thursday, April 9.....12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9.....3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1112:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Media Hotel

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at Park MGM Las Vegas (3770 S Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109). Room rates are \$132 per night plus taxes and fees. To request a room in this block, please use the following link (<https://book.passkey.com/go/FDIM0426PKF>). Rooms in the media block are available from Tuesday, April 7, through Saturday night, April 11.

Conferences Available for Automatic Qualification

Atlantic Hockey Association, Big Ten, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, ECAC Hockey, Hockey East Association, National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

Pool Reporter

If, in the opinion of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, a rules interpretation regarding a game situation is necessary, the NCAA media coordinator shall appoint a "pool reporter" to accompany a committee representative to obtain quotes for distribution to the media. At that time, an interpretation pertaining to the specific situation is given.

Photographers

Strobe Lights

Strobe lights are administered and pooled at the discretion of the NCAA or host media coordinator.

A maximum of three sets of strobe lights may be installed at the venue for media agencies requiring immediate news coverage. Strobe lights for a conventional arena must not exceed 2,400 watt-seconds for each power pack, and the flash duration should be less than 1/1,000-second. A typical approved installation consists of four power packs with tube heads on each pack.

All hanging or installed strobes must be as close to the playing surface as possible, depending upon the physical structure of the arena, near the corners of the playing surface. All strobes must be installed and tested, if necessary, at the site 24 hours before the start of the event during which the strobes will be used. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey representative(s) or NCAA championships staff liaison will grant final approval relative to the installation of strobes.

If the physical structure of an arena prevents a media agency from meeting these specifications, the agency may petition the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee for an exception. This written request and explanation should be submitted to the committee at least two weeks before the event.

No other strobes, including hand-carried units, are permitted in the arena, and no strobe or any other photography equipment may be placed on or attached to a goal standard.

Remote Cameras

Remote cameras are permitted inside T-Mobile Arena, but only with prior approval from the NCAA media coordination staff. Requests for remote cameras should be made in writing to Phil Plerce no later than one week prior to the championship (April 5). All remote cameras must be identified with the photographers name and local contact information on it and any hung cameras must have appropriate safety cables attached. Cameras must be in place prior to arena doors opening and may not be retrieved until after the arena has been cleared of patrons following the final game of the day.

Broadcasting

All broadcasting matters (television, radio, satellite radio, video streaming internet, audio streaming internet, audio/video streaming internet and new technologies) policies and procedures may be found at www.NCAA.com/media.

Television

All three games of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship (Frozen Four) are broadcast on television by the ESPN network family.

ESPN, Inc., owns exclusive rights to all of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship for live broadcasts.

Internet Audio Streaming

The NCAA owns exclusive internet rights to all rounds of its championship, including games at the Frozen Four. Any radio station or internet provider wishing to stream audio of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship games, must submit a NCAA Radio/Internet Rights Agreement on-line at www.ncaa.com/broadcast.

There will be a rights fee for any commercial broadcast streamed via the internet. If you have any questions, please contact Nate Flannery (nflannery@ncaa.org) 317-917-6222 at the NCAA.

Internet Video Streaming

The NCAA owns exclusive internet (audio and/or video streaming) rights to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. Due to the fact that all games of the Frozen Four will be broadcast on the ESPN family of networks, no entity may stream any game (internet videostreaming) during the championship tournament.

Television

All television stations must restrict their usage of game footage to a maximum of three minutes on a sports-news broadcast and are prohibited from airing game footage of any part of a tournament game in progress, for any purpose.

Television stations also are prohibited from selling, loaning or giving away championship footage to any individual or agency, or for use on any nonsports news program produced or aired by the station.

No ENG crews are allowed to film any of the three games of the Frozen Four. Local stations must take a pool feed from the audio/video mult-box provided by the NCAA. The mult-box has standard video three-pin BNC connections and standard twist-on XLR audio connections. Local stations or schools wishing to plug into the mult-box must bring proper cable connectors. Participating schools choosing to bring computers are especially encouraged to bring all proper cables. ENG crews are allowed to film up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the a game to establish a presence in the venue. Please note that any exceptions to these rules must be cleared by Phil Pierce, media coordinator.

Arrangements for satellite truck parking for Enterprise Center must be secured through Phil Pierce of the NCAA.

Participating Teams

Postgame Interview Policy

All coaches and student-athletes must be available for interviews.

Throughout the championship, press conferences are scheduled for the convenience of the media representatives, the coaches and the student-athletes representing the participating institutions. They are designed to provide the media with tournament information required for thorough coverage and to limit the time demands placed upon the coaches and student-athletes.

A 10-minute cooling-off period is set aside for a coach to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after the game. The period begins when the coach enters or arrives at the dressing room immediately after the game or interview with the NCAA. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period, but may not extend it.

Regardless of any personal regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach first is obligated to the entire media staffing the championship and must report to the interview area immediately after the cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by ESPN or NCAA Productions. After fulfilling the commitment to the media staffing the championship, the coach and student-athletes may participate in one-on-one interviews.

Should a coach permit one media representative to conduct an interview before the cooling-off period has expired, the entire team is immediately available to all other media representatives desiring access.

Radio

Westwood One owns the exclusive rights as the official radio network for the Frozen Four. Space will be reserved for each participating team home "flagship" radio station as designated by the institution. All other stations representing that institution's broadcast radio are served on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with the priority established by the NCAA broadcast department.

Broadcasts of any NCAA Championship tournament game must conform to the general broadcasting policies adopted by the Association. All stations broadcasting a game are required to fill out the NCAA Championship on-line radio agreement. At no time may a game be interrupted for a radio timeout.

Official college or university noncommercial stations of the host institution and competing institutions that broadcast the institution's regular-season competitions are not charged a rights fee. All commercial stations must pay a rights fee. All commercials must conform to the NCAA advertising policy. IMG College manages the NCAA Championship local radio rights for Westwood One.

Any station wishing to obtain NCAA Championship broadcast radio rights (Radio only, Radio/audio internet combo or audio internet only), must submit the NCAA Radio Rights Agreement on-line at www.ncaa.com/broadcast. IMG College will send an invoice for all rights fees owed at the conclusion of the 2025 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. DO NOT submit a check to the host institution or on site at the championship.

Telephone Lines

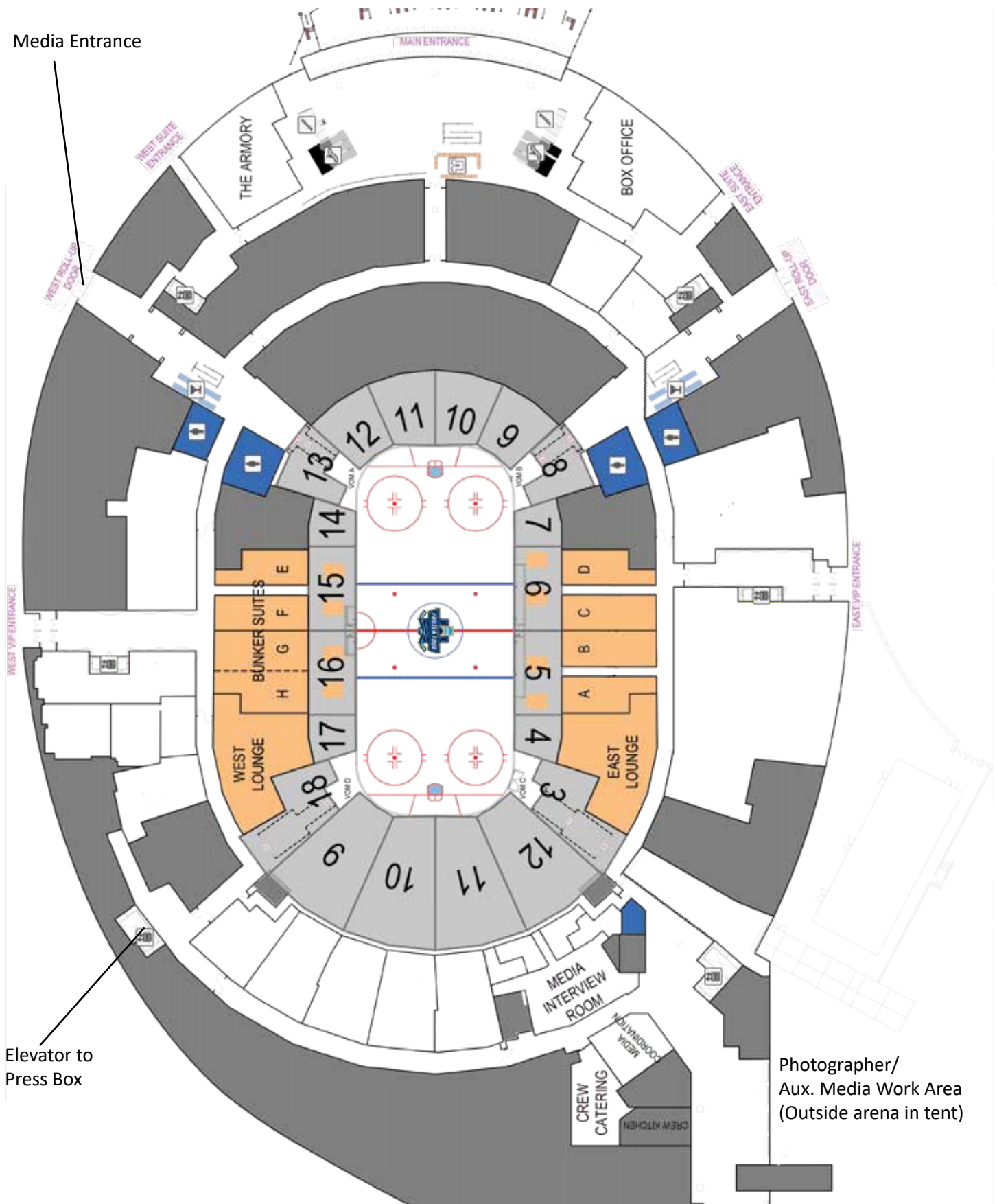
All requests for dedicated telephone lines should be made at least one week prior to the championship to Phil Pierce with the number and type of line needed and contact information. A representative of T-Mobile Arena will be in contact with anyone needing a line to arrange for any costs involved and timeline for installation.

Appendix 1: Media Credential Will Call and Entrance

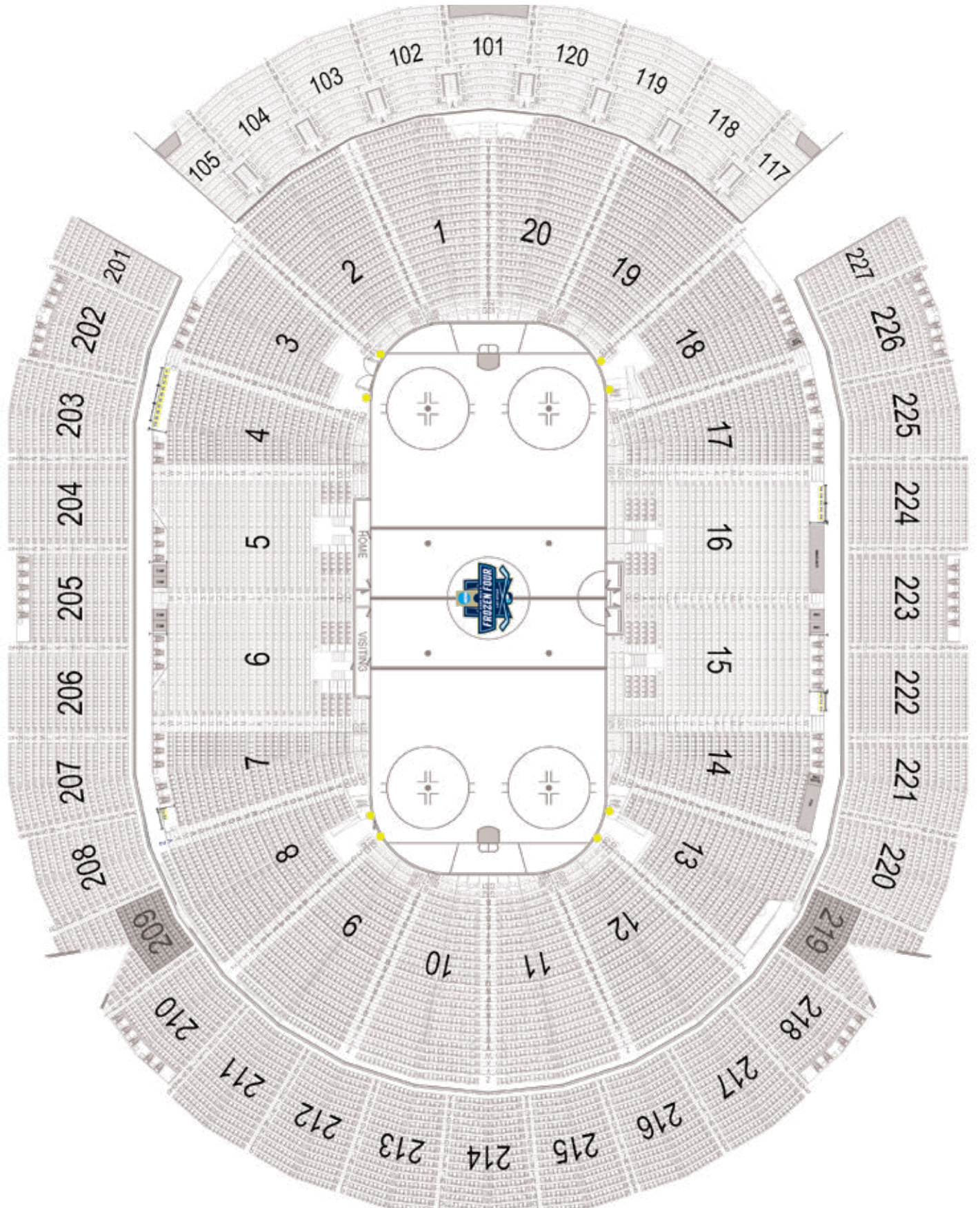
Media Entrance



Appendix 2: T-Mobile Arena Media/Photo Work Areas



Appendix 3: T-Mobile Arena Photo Shooting Areas



Appendix 4: Quick Links

[Frozen Four Record Book](#)

[DI Men's Ice Hockey Record Book](#)

[2026 Division I Hockey Statistics](#)

[NCAA Digital Media Workroom](#)

[Live Stats](#)

[Media Policies](#)

[Digital Highlights Usage Policy - Media, Third-Party Sites](#)

Appendix 5: Media Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 31

11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (ET) Virtual Press Conference Virtual

Thursday, April 2

12:00 p.m. (ET) Deadline to request a room at media hotel

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Credential distribution	Media Entrance (West Roll Up)
9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Working media area available	Media Work Room
11:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	North Dakota practice	T-Mobile Arena
11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Media meal	Media Work Area
12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	North Dakota press conference	Press Conference Room
12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Wisconsin practice.....	T-Mobile Arena
1:45 p.m. 2:15 p.m.	Wisconsin press conference.....	Press Conference Room
1:45 p.m. 2:45 p.m.	Denver practice.....	T-Mobile Arena
3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Denver press conference.....	Press Conference Room
3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Michigan practice	T-Mobile Arena
4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m.	Michigan press conference	Press Conference Room

Thursday, April 9

11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Frozen Fest.....	Toshiba Plaza
11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Credential distribution	Media Entrance (West Roll Up)
11:30 a.m.	Working media area available	Media Work Area
12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Team Arrivals for Semifinal 1.....	Toshiba Plaza
1:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Area
2:00 p.m.	Semifinal 1: Wisconsin vs. North Dakota	T-Mobile Arena
3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Team Arrivals for Semifinal 2.....	Toshiba Plaza
4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Media meal	Media Work Area
Following the game	Press conferences	Press Conference Room
4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Area
60 mins after Semifinal 1	Semifinal 2: Denver vs. Michigan	T-Mobile Arena
Following the game	Press conferences	Press Conference Room

Friday, April 10

10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Credential distribution	Media Entrance (West Roll Up)
10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Working media area available	Media Work Area
11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Semifinal 1 winner practice.....	T-Mobile Arena
11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Media meal	Media Work Area
11:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Semifinal 2 winner press conference.....	Press Conference Room
12:50 p.m. 1:20 p.m.	Semifinal 1 winner press conference.....	Press Conference Room
12:50 p.m. 1:50 p.m.	Semifinal 2 winner practice.....	T-Mobile Arena
1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	State of the Game Press Conference.....	Press Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Hobey Baker Award Show.....	Park MGM, Presidio Ballroom

Saturday, April 11

11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Frozen Fest.....	Toshiba Plaza
11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Credential distribution	Media Entrance (West Roll Up)
11:30 a.m.	Working media area available	Media Work Area
12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Media meal	Media Work Area
12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Team Arrivals for Championship.....	Toshiba Plaza
1:30 p.m. 1:45 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Area
2:30 p.m.	National Championship Game.....	T-Mobile Arena
Following the game	Press conferences	Press Conference Room

Team practices, listed above are open to the media, practices on Wednesday, April 9 is also open to the public.

**All times listed are Pacific unless noted; Schedule is subject to change*